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Greece Offered Britain Three Divisions to Attack Dardanelles.

quith and Winston Spencer Churchill. former first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons tomorrow on the Dardanelles campaign, the government topight issued a white paper to parliament containing in its own words "certain notes which so far as thrown into the abyss of absolute ruin the public interest will allow, will reexcised from the full report of the Dardanelles commission."

The chief effect of the revelations is to show that Mr. Churchill at the end of August, 1914, being of the opinion that Turkey was about to join the central powers, proposed a plan for the seizure of the Gallipoli Peninsula "by means of a Greek army of adequate strength," with a view to admitting the British fleet to the Sea

Difficult Operation. Charles E. Callwell, director of military operations at the war office, pointed out that this would prove an extremely difficult operation, and that it would not be justifiable to undertake it with an army of less than 60,000. It is also shown that the admiralty officials believed the appearance of a British fleet would be the signal for a revolution in Conintinople, and that the Dardanelles forts were short of ammunition. On March 1, 1915, the British min-On March 1, 1915, the British minister at Athens telegraphed that M. Venizelos, then Greek premier, proposed to offer the co-operation of a Greek army corps of three divisions. The British minister the following day added that the King of Greece already had been sounded on this proposal and that he had heard the king wanted "pre".

Thought Bulgaria Friendly.
On March 17 Gen. Sir Arthur Paget,
who was engaged on a special mission in the Balkans, sent a telegram to Earl Kitchener, secretary for war,

"The operations against the Dar danelles have made a deep impression.
All possibility of Bulgaria attacking Ralkan state that might side with the entente is now over, and there is reason to think that the Bulgarian army will move against Turkey to keep in the Dardanelles opera-

NEW FRENCH CABINET IS FORMED BY RIBOT

Paul Painleve is Minister of War Under Reconstructed Administration.

Paris, March 19.—Alexandre Ribot has formed the following cabinet: Premier and minister of foreign affairs, Alexandre Ribot. The other portfolios are: Justice, Rene Vivlani; war, Paul Painleve; marine, Rear Admiral Lacaze; munitions, Albert Thomas; interior, Louis J. Malvy; finance, Joseph Thierry; public instruction, Jules Steeg; public works, Georges Despilas: commerce Etienne Georges Desplas: commerce, Etienne Clementel; agriculture, Fernand David; subsistance, Maurice Viollete labor, Leon Bourgeois; colonies, Andre Maginot; under secretary of aviation, Daniel Vincent.

New Instructions Regarding Letters Sent to Soldiers

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, March 19.—In view of the great importance of preventing information concerning embarkation of troops becoming generally known, letters for officers and men must be addressed to last station in the Unit-ed Kingdom of their unit. Any let-ters contravening this will be treated

DINEEN'S FIRE SALE.

Dineen's store will be closed today and the fire sale will be resumed at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The sale, so far, has only been from the Dineen workrooms, and the furs day will recay a visit to Dineen's, 140 ahead, and the submarine disary the American consul.

RUSSIA SOON TO HAVE WELL-EQUIPPED ARMY

UPON STRAITS Manifesto Declares Government Will Strain
Every Effort to Bring the West

grad correspondent:
"Citizens: The great work has been

decided by the act of June 16, 1907, to

deprive the people of part of the legislative rights promised them.

Sacrificed Heroic Army.

"During the ensuing 10 years the government successively withdrew from the people all the rights they had won. The country was again thrown into the abyes of abeliate right. place the sense of some portions attempts to make the voice of reason heard were in vain, and the great world struggle into which the coun-

London, March 19.—The following try was plunged, found it face to face manifesto has been issued by the Russian provisional government to the nation according to Reuters Petrodifferent to the country's destinies and steeped in vices and infamy.

DIPLOMATS DECEIVED

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firm will of the duma, established a Germany. firm will of the duma, established a provisional government, which considers that it is its sacred duty to realize the national desires and lead the country into the bright path of free civil organization. The government believes that the lofty spirit of patriotism which the people have shown in the struggle against the old

(Concluded on Page 2, Column 4).

Wilson Expected to Make Announcement Within Forty-Eight Hours.

TENSION IS EXTREME

Confirmation of Reported Loss of American Sailors Adds to Gravity.

Washington, March 19 .- President Wilson is expected within the next "With unanimous revolutionary spirit, the people fully realizing the believes a virtual state of war exerciousness of the moment and the lists between the United States and

> marine, added, if possible, to the aleady grave view of the situation held here as a result of the destruction of the Vigilancia, the Illinois and the City of Memphis.

Whether the president will haster the extra session of congress already called for April 16 or will take additional steps to protect American commerce without this move was not disclosed tonight. No official pretended to know his plans, and the general view was that he was still considering the question in his usual deliberate way.

ate way.

Mapping Out Plans.

A cabinet meeting probably will be held tomorrow afternoon, and at that time the situation arising out of the new acts of aggression on the part of Germany as expected to be thoroly

In addition to a conference with Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the mapping out comprehensive plans for the protection of American interests

in any eventuality.

Virtual State of War.

It is generall conceded that already a virtual state of war exists with Ger-A suggestion advanced tonight was that the president might issue a call since he asked for authority to estab-lish a state of armed neutrality. Preparation for aggressive action by the navy against the German subma-

rine menace began today at the direction of the president.

President Wilson authorized the expenditure of \$115,000,000 emergency fund, provided by congress, to speed up naval construction and pay for special additional war craft, and the

special additional war crait, and the suspension of the eight-hour labor law in plants engaged on navy work.

To Build Sub-Chasers.

Immediately afterward Secretary Daniels ordered the New York Navy Yard to begin building 60 submarine of the 110-foot type, to be Yard to begin building 60 submarine chasers of the 110-foot type, to be completed in from 60 to 80 days.

While the energies of the navy will be concentrated for the present on efforts to get into commission craft designed particularly to destroy submarines and guard the coast, warship building conerally will be speeded up bui ding generally will be speeded up under the recent agreement with private builders and with the funds now

made available. A large number of privately owned A large number of privately owned motor craft available for navy use may be drawn upon at any time. Retired naval officers have been at work along the entire Atlantic coast surveying boats for a month. Contracts have been made for their purchase, and a telegraphic order makes them government property over night. Volunteer crews for the boats have

Volunteer crews in the boats have been enrolled among yachtsmen and others along the coasts. Commanders of naval districts are ready to call them out and begin patrol work with

Selien, Dutch Vessel, Puts on Captain Says the Ship Sank it is planned to assemble the volunteers within a few days to begin ac tual operations as a matter of training, pending orders from the president for complete mobilization of the navy. In this connection officials say it planned to establish a submarine-proof patrol off the American coast, Plymouth, March 19, via London,ensuring safe passage to and from American ports for all ships. Since the visit of the German submarine U-Fifteen members of the crew of the American steamer Vigilancia lost

53 to Newport last summer made

clear that the underwater craft could operate across the Atlantic, it is be-

lieved necessary to provide for pro-tection of American harbors in the event of war.

Informal negotiations will be started deavoring to protect ships passing thru the German submarine zone. It is planned to make American waters safe against submarines for all ships with the understanding that American

Further Gains Made by British and French,

Who Continue Relentless Pursuit of the Enemy---British Advance Another Eight Miles, Taking 40 Villages, While French Gain Ten Miles and Take 20 More Villages, With Important Town of Ham.

NEAR ROAD TO CAMBRAI

Germans Have Fallen Back Behind Handecourt, Southeast of Arras, and Only Two Miles From Main Road to That Town, Which Will Be Attacked.

(Special Cable to The Toronto World.) ONDON, March 19 .- On a front extending between Arras and the River Aisne, the Anglo-French forces swept forward in pursuit of the Germans today and occupied sixty more villages as well as the important railway junction of Ham, southeast of Peronne.

The allied aeroplanes swept on ahead of their advancing forces of cavairy and infantry. British horsemen, out in force and eager to display their mettle against Uhlans and infantry that protected the retreat of the Germans, dashed themselves with great ardor on the retiring waves of the foe and everywhere broke up the German formations. In some villages, the enemy waited for a fight, in other places he fled at the allies'

Pillage and Incendiarism.

The Germans are depending on villages for the chief rotection of their rearguards. These rearguards comone the trade of the soldier with that of the pillager and the incendiary, and in villages where the flames fail to complete their work, it is found that the German pillager has destroyed things almost as effectively as

The British advanced over a belt of territory having a maximum breadth of eight miles, and the French advanced over another belt of a maximum breadth of ten miles. The British have now thrown their lines well across the railway between Arras and Bapaume, showing that the enemy has retired a considerable distance east of that line. The French are moving forward in crescent shape, with their cavalry well shoved forward on the horns.

A sharp lookout is being maintained by the allies for any German counter-move and their aeroplanes are flying far afield. Great congestion still appears in the German lines and the enemy is destroying great quantities of war material.

According to Reuter's British headquarters correspondent, the British advance has reached a line east of Bapaume, extending from Vaulx-Vraucourt, four miles northeast of Bapaume, to Ypres, six miles eastsoutheast of Dapaume.

The correspondent, describing the vagaries of the German retirement, says:

"Sometimes the British find villages held by rearguard forces; sometimes the enemy has completely disappeared. For instance, after the occupation of Peronne, a patrol passed forward two miles to the northeast without getting into . touch with the enemy. In another case a patrol crossed the Somme by a partly damaged bridge and hurried into a village a mile away, only to discover it empty.

Can Soon Repair Roads "Perhaps the most striking feature of the situation the fact that our patrols got astride the railway between Arras and Rapaume in various places between the two towns without encountering any resistance. While this does not prove that we possess undisputed use of these routes, it proves that the Germans are back behind them. They have greatly damaged both the railway and the roads, but the British can soon

repair them and restore communication. "It is an interesting fact that the British are now holding practically the line which Josire chose for an attempt to make a stand during the great retreat, but was unable to hold under the great pressure of the

"Between Beugny and Ypres, a seven mile line, run-

ning almost parallel with the Arras-Peronne road, our about seven miles east of it, is reported to be held by our infantry, and the village of Vaulx-Vraucourt is in British possession.

"As Arras is approached the advance slows in pace. The Germans have fallen back behind Hendecourt, nearly 10 miles southeast of Arras, and only two miles from the main road to Cambrai." A German Statement.

A Berlin despatch to The Amsterdam Handelsblad describing the German retirement on the western front,

"As the ground abandoned has now become a battlefield, it was necessary to destroy everything which might be of service to the enemy, such as roads, sheaters and the water supply. This destruction was carried out ruthlessly, but what could be of no military advantage to the enemy was spared.

"The population, which was capable of military service, has been brought away, so that it might not be incorporated in the enemy army or retained as peaceful workers and care for the remaining civilian population left to the enemy."

The French troops made one of the most significant advances since the beginning of the war yesterday and today, says the Associated Press correspondent in a cable last night. Along a 60-kilometre front some hundreds of square kilometres re-fell into the hands of the French, while the Germans' retreat movement gave no evidences of coming to a halt. This immense tract of reconquered territory was traversed today by a correspondent for the Associated Press, who found the inhabitants in many places, where they were allowed to remain by the Germans, tearfully joyous at the reappearance of their fellow-countrymen coming is as

Made Hasty Departure.

Signs of a hasty German departure are visible everywhere, and especially in the villages and towns, in the shape of houses blown to fragments by the explosion of incendiary bombs. In the distance, burning villages showed that the retreat was still progressing. Here and there were a few corpses of German soldiers. who evidently had been killed while acting as rearguards. Former German positions are just heaps of scattered wire entanglements and the trenches are half filled with water.

Supply columns are proceeding in every direction following the French pursuing troops, which keep close on the heels of the retreating Germans, not allowing them a moment's respite.

The Associated Press correspondent entered the area reconquered at Lassigny, which suffered badly. not a house escaping damage and none of the inhabitants being left behind. Passing thru various succeeding lines of former German entrenchments were many still bearing directions of officials written in German. The joy of the inhabitants at the almost incredible sight of French soldiers entering a town within an hour after the Germans departed on Saturday afternoon was extraordinary, every passing Frenchman or ally being embraced.

Kept Alive by Americans.

At Malmaison farm the Germans evidently opposed with some considerable resistance the French advance, the ground being pierced with shell holes like a sieve. Further along, in the Villages of Candor and Lagny. many women and children still remained, the rapid retirement not permitting the Germans to carry them off

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

Gen. Maude Takes Bahriz and Bakubah

London, March 19 .- The following official statement was issued to-

"During Saturday night Gen. Maude's troops effected a crossing of the Diala River and occupied the Village of Bahriz and a part of the Town of Bakubah, on the left bank of the river. The enemy retired hastily president saw Secretaries Lansing and toward Khanikin.

"Bakubah is a prosperous town, spread over a considerable extent on of the federal shipping board, and the river bank and is a good supply centre. The inhabitants are friendly there was every indication that he was and ready to trade."

Threats Against Montreal Conscriptionists

Montreal, March 19 .- Z. Hebert, president of the Montreal Board of Montreal, March 19.—Z. Hebert, president of the montreal bounders he many in spite of the technical armed Trade, received an anonymous letter today threatening that unless he neutrality status of the United States called another meeting of the board of trade and had its recent resolution in favor of compulsory service rescinded he would be assassinated. General Wilson, G.O.C. in this military district, also has received a General Wilson, G.O.C. in this military district, also has received a for congress to meet within ten days, threatening letter, the epistle received by him being ornamented with a and in his proclamation point out the new situation facing the nation

dagger in a threatening position. Big Interests Back Wilson

New York, March 19 .- Directors of the National Safety Council, representing 2800 firms and corporations thruout the country, today pledged their support to the president in the present international crisis. An appeal, it was said, would be made direct to 3,000,000 workmen employed by the council's members to do likewise.

Grand Duke Not to Command

London, March 19 .- Grand Duke Nicholas will not, after all, be com mander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to the Petrograd correspondent of The Times, the new government having found it necessary, in order to checkmate the mischievious propaganda, to appoint a generalissimo not connected with the Romanoff family.

The Times says rumors have been circulated, designed to discourage enthusiasm on the part of the soldiers and munition workers by alleging that Germany has ceased to fight, but these have failed to create any

RELIEF STEAMER'S SAILORS MURDERED

Submarine Shells Lifeboat and Fifteen Members of Crew Kills Three Mates and Five Sailors.

STEAMER GETS AWAY

Full Speed After Brutal Attack.

ters contravening this will be treated as undeliverable. Incidentally, it should be noted there is a chronic and doubtless unavoidable delay in delivery of mails, some letters posted in Toronto Feb. 14. only reaching here tonight along with others mailed 12 days later.

London, March 19.—A boat containing the first, second and third mates and five seamen of the Dutch steamer Seliene (Selene?), chartered by the Belgian relief commission, has been shelled by a submarine and all the occupants killed, according to a Reuter March 19.—A boat containing the first, second and third mates and five seamen of the Dutch steamer Seliene (Selene?), chartered by the Belgian relief commission, has been shelled by a submarine and all the occupants killed, according to a Reuter of the selection of the selection

ter despatch from Stavanger.
"The Dutch steamer," says the despatch, "has reached here (Stavanger, Norway), bound for New York in ballast. She left Rotterdam on Saturday bearing the usual designations of the Belgian relief committee, and was attacked at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon

displayed stock. The contents of by a German submarine. Dineen workrooms, and the furs "The Seliene did not stop, but, after m storage that have not been touched directly by fiame or heat, are yet which the first, second and third mates to be disposed of at the same liberal

AMERICANS LOST WITH VIGILANCIA

Victims of German Submarine's Attack

NO WARNING GIVEN

in Ten Minutes After Being Struck.

their lives when the steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine. The survivors were in lifeboats from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon. American citizens, incluring Third Of- and French patrol squadrons now enficer Neils P. North, and Third Engineer Carl Adeholde. This information was given out by Capt. Frank A. Middleton of New York, who, with ships will receive full protection in the to be disposed of at the same liberal reductions—at prices representing only a fraction of their actual cost.

The bargains displayed on Wednesday will repay a visit to Dineen's, 140

The seliene put on full speed ahead, and the submarine disapret the American consul.

The survivors of the Vigilancia, has zones from patrols of the aines. The survivors of the was unable reached the mainland, and probably of information as to the routing of merchant craft to and fro across the merchant craft to and from the merchant craft to an across the merchant craft to an across the merchant craft to across the merchant craft to an across the merchant craft to across the me the survivors of the Vigilancia, has zones from patrols of the allies. The